GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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SCHEDULED LANGUAGES IN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS
LAXMAN GILUWA;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have allowed option of writing answers in any of the Indian languages to the candidates appearing in all the competitive examinations for different services of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of all such services;

(c) whether a resolution to this effect passed by the Parliament on January 18, 1968 has been implemented in letter and spirit.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the Government propose to implement it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): The Official Language Resolution, 1968 passed by both the Houses of the Parliament, inter-alia resolved that all the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution and English shall be permitted as alternative medium for the all India and higher Central Services Examinations, after ascertaining the views of the UPSC on the future scheme of the examinations, the procedural aspects and the timing. In purpose of the Resolution, the option to write answers in any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India has been extended only in the Civil Services (Main) Examination conducted by UPSC The question of extension of this facility to other examinations conducted by UPSC is under consideration of the Government on the basis of the recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee.

In view of the importance and sensitivity of the matter and divergent views on the subject, Government`s endeavour is to seek a consensus and evolve a nationally acceptable policy after holding wider consultation with the State Governments and others concerned, efforts for which are on.